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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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nucleic acids, organic molecules, inorganic molecules, biologically active molecules, cells, tissues, [and] tissue aggregates, and diagnostic agents.

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18. (Amended) A method for controlled release of therapeutic, prophylactic, or diagnostic agents comprising administering to tissue in need thereof [ ] a biocompatible, polymerizable, macromer composition comprising at least one NO carrying region or NO modulating compound, wherein NO or NO modulating compound is released from the macromer composition following polymerization, under physiological conditions, wherein the macromers comprise regions selected from the group consisting of water soluble regions, tissue adhesive regions, and polymerizable end group regions[.comprising] and therapeutic, prophylactic or diagnostic agents selected from the group consisting of proteins, carbohydrates, nucleic acids, organic molecules, inorganic molecules, biologically active molecules, cells, tissues, [and] tissue aggregates, and diagnostic agents.

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23. (Amended) The method of claim 20 wherein the macromer is adhered to tissue to prevent surgical adhesions, adhere tissue[ ], provide support for tissue or coat the tissue.

**In the Drawings**

On Figure 5, please delete "time (days)" and insert in place thereof --time (hours)--.

Please delete Figure 12A.

Please renumber Figure 7 as Figure 7A.

Please renumber Figure 12B as Figure 7B.